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Sir :

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, §1.97-1.98, Applicant hereby calls the following information to the Examiner's attention:

U.S. Patent No. 5,642,232 to NOMURA et al., issued June 24, 1997;

U.S. Patent No. 5,669,021 to SATO, issued September 16, 1997; and

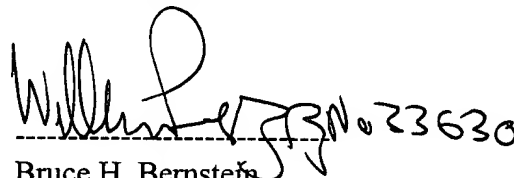
U.S. Patent No. 5,966,249 to AOKI, issued October 12, 1999.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the above materials and cite the patent documents. Copies of the above-noted patent documents, together with a copy of a PTO-1449 Form listing these documents, are included for that purpose. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached PTO-1449 form to confirm consideration of these documents and to return a signed copy of the PTO-1449 form to the Applicant together with the next Official Action in the present application.

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Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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